

2006 Winners of the Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention

In November 2006, two New Hampshire companies were presented with the 12th Annual New Hampshire Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention. Established in 1994, the Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention recognizes New Hampshire businesses and organization that have made a special commitment to the environment by successfully reducing or eliminating wastes at the source.

The winners of this year's awards are Monadnock Paper Mills Inc. of Bennington and Park Nameplate Inc. of Dover.

Applicants must have completed a pollution prevention project or projects that reduce or eliminate wastes at their source; increase efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or another source; or protect natural resources using conservation techniques. A panel of judges, selected for their knowledge of pollution prevention experience with manufacturing, and familiarity with going above and beyond what the environmental laws require, determine the award winners. After the judges have made their decisions, all winning applications must pass an environmental compliance screening for DES and EPA Region 1.

Monadnock Paper Mills Inc. began its long history of papermaking in 1819. In 2004 Monadnock implemented an environmental management system that sets targets and objectives for continuous environmental improvement. This year's Governor's Award recognizes Monadnock's successful efforts to reduce its energy consumption by more than 88,000 KWh; reduce sewer discharge of paper fiber by 300,000 pounds; recycle 650,000 pounds of solid waste; and reduce packaging costs. These pollution prevention projects are saving the company \$150,000 annually. Monadnock Paper Mills' corporate environmental policy promotes environmental awareness among employees and local residents, maintains compliance



Chairman and CEO Richard Verney of Monadnock Paper Mills, Policy Advisor Alice Chamberlin of the Governor's Office, and Commissioner Thomas Burack of DES.



President and CEO William Hand of Park Nameplate, Policy Advisor Alice Chamberlin of the Governor's Office, Quality and Environmental Manager Steve Reiter of Park Nameplate, and DES Commissioner Thomas Burack.

with environmental standards, invests in research to determine innovative ways to reduce waste and to efficiently use natural resources, and uses environmentally friendly materials during the design and development of new products.



Symmetry Medical PolyVac in Manchester received honorable mention award for their pollution prevention efforts. From left to right are Alex Grundhoff, Ernie Fuller, Frank Milne and Ray Ferland.

Park Nameplate Inc. is a manufacturer of decorative product identification emblems used for automotive, appliance and consumer applications. Their award-winning environmental improvement projects included reducing methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) used for screen washing by 3,700 pounds; recycling and reusing plastic product trays; installing energy efficient lighting to save 19,200 KWh; recycling contaminated shop wipes and office paper; and upgrading their ISO 14001 registration. These projects will save the company \$33,000 per year. Park Nameplate has demonstrated commitment to the continual improvement of environmental programs and to the implementation of appropriate management practices for the prevention of pollution. Their environmental steering committee sets and reviews environmental objectives and targets and is responsible for communicating their environmental policy to all employees and other interested parties, and for managing the effective implementation of the environmental objectives and targets through employee participation and the use of the environmental management system.

Symmetry Medical PolyVac in Manchester received honorable mention award for their pollution prevention efforts. Symmetry Medical manufactures medical cases and trays. Polymer material were recovered by grinding and then reusing them for injection molding new products and for extrusion of new

sheets for thermoform products. This reused over 205,000 pounds of waste material and saved over \$2 million a year.

Free Lamp Recycling for Homeowners and Small Businesses

In this first-of-a kind program, TrueValue hardware stores, DES, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, and Public Service of New Hampshire teamed up to create a system to collect, consolidate and recycle spent fluorescent lamps generated by homeowners and small businesses. Homeowners and small business may bring in up to six fluorescent lamps to participating local stores where they will be accepted for free. The cost of recycling the lamps is paid by DES. For a list of participating stores, visit www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/Mercury/default.asp?link=recycle.

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